AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend ¶ **[01]** as follows:

[01] This application makes reference to and claims priority from United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. [_____,] 60/505,881, entitled "POWER CONDITIONING MECHANISM USING AN EXTERNAL CARD ADAPTER", filed on September 24, 2003, the complete subject matter of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.